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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH FEE UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97(d) AND 1.17(p)

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It is respectfully requested that the listed reference be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of FORM PTO/SB/08A/B be entered in the application file and returned to applicant with the next communication from the Office in accordance with MPEP § 609.

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REMARKS

Applicants wish to refer the Examiner to the following statements made in the final paragraph of the specification of the Ozaki reference (col 3, line 37 - col 4, line 3):

In the above embodiment, the carbon cloth is impregnated with an epoxy resin as the first resin, but the carbon cloth can be impregnated with another resin as the first resin. In the above embodiment, the carbon cloth is used as a carbon core material, but non-woven fabric consisting of carbon, particle carbon or the like can satisfactorily be used as the carbon core material. In the aforementioned embodiment, as the second resin, epoxy resins 14, 34, 64 are filled in the resin pores 12, 32, 62, but another resin can be filled in the resin pores 12, 32, 62 as the second resin. In the above embodiment, through holes 18, 42, 70 are provided at portions where the epoxy resins 14, 34, 64 are filled, but only if through holes are provided at positions where no epoxy resins 14, 34, 64 are filled, the carbon cloth present in the central part of the printed circuit board base materials 10, 30, 60 can be conductive to the circuit layers 16, 36, 66.

The last sentence of the foregoing paragraph discloses that through holes that do not pass through resin filled pores can create electrical connections between the carbon containing layer and the circuit layers. Applicants submit that the teachings in the prior art of the undesirability of

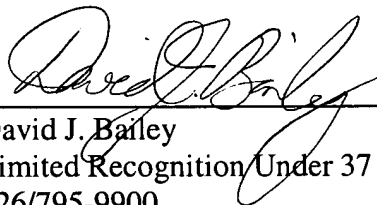
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such a connection, and the fact that the specification and claims of the Ozaki patent are directed to structures in which the establishment of such a connection is deliberately avoided, would leave one of ordinary skill in the art with no motivation to construct a printed wiring board "wherein at least one electrical connection exists between the carbon containing layer and the circuit on the electrically conductive layer," as recited in applicants' independent claim 56. Furthermore, in this context, applicants submit that a worker skilled in the art would understand the last sentence quoted above as a mere recognition of a potential disadvantage (i.e., conductivity of the carbon layer with the circuit layers) that would result if one were to attempt to drill through holes at locations "where no epoxy resins 14, 34, 64 are filled."(col. 3, line 48) Therefore, the Ozaki reference does not teach or suggest the invention of applicants' pending claims, either individually or in combination with the other prior art of record. Prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is hereby requested.

If Applicants' counsel can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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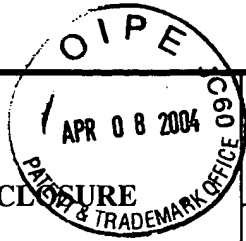
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